

saturated or unsaturated, wherein from one to three of the nonfused carbon atoms of said monocyclic rings, and from one to five of the carbon atoms of said bicyclic rings that are not part of the benzo ring shown in formula I, may optionally and independently be replaced by a nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur, and wherein said monocyclic and bicyclic rings may optionally be substituted with one or more substituents that are selected, independently, from (C₁-C₆) alkyl optionally substituted with from one to seven fluorine atoms; (C₁-C₆)alkoxy optionally substituted with from one to seven fluorine atoms; nitro, cyano, halo, (C₂-C₆)alkenyl, (C₂-C₆)alkynyl, hydroxy, amino, (C₁-C₆)alkylamino and ((C₁-C₆)alkyl)₂amino, -CO₂R⁴, -CONR⁵R⁶, -SO₂NR⁷R⁸, -C(=O)R¹³ and -XC(=O)R¹³;

wherein each R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸ and R¹³ is selected, independently, from hydrogen and (C₁-C₆) alkyl, or R⁵ and R⁶, or R⁷ and R⁸ together with the nitrogen to which they are attached, form a pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, azetidine, piperazine, -N-(C₁-C₆)alkylpiperazine or thiomorpholine ring, or a thiomorpholine ring wherein the ring sulfur is replaced with a sulfoxide or sulfone; and

each X is, independently, (C₁-C₆)alkylene;

and P' is COOR¹⁶ wherein R¹⁶ is allyl, 2,2,2-trichloroethyl or (C₁-C₆)alkyl; -C(=O)NR⁵R⁶ wherein R⁵ and R⁶ are selected, independently, from hydrogen and (C₁-C₆) alkyl, or R⁵ and R⁶ together with the nitrogen to which they are attached, form a pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, azetidine, piperazine, -N-(C₁-C₆)alkylpiperazine or thiomorpholine ring, or a thiomorpholine ring wherein the ring sulfur is replaced with a sulfoxide or sulfone; -C(=O)H, -C(=O)(C₁-C₆)alkyl wherein the alkyl moiety may optionally be substituted with from 1 to 3 halo atoms; benzyl, or t-butoxycarbonyl (t-Boc).

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18. (Amended) A compound according to claim 1 selected from the group consisting of:

- 5,7,13-triazatetracyclo[9.3.1.0^{2,10}.0^{4,8}]pentadeca-2(10),3,5,8-tetraene;
- 7-methyl-5,7,13-triazatetracyclo[9.3.1.0^{2,10}.0^{4,8}]pentadeca-2(10),3,5,8-tetraene;
- 6-methyl-5,7,13-triazatetracyclo[9.3.1.0^{2,10}.0^{4,8}]pentadeca-2(10),3,5,8-tetraene;
- 7-propyl-5,7,13-triazatetracyclo[9.3.1.0^{2,10}.0^{4,8}]pentadeca-2(10),3,5,8-tetraene;
- 7-butyl-5,7,13-triazatetracyclo[9.3.1.0^{2,10}.0^{4,8}]pentadeca-2(10),3,5,8-tetraene;
- 6-methyl-7-isobutyl-5,7,13-triazatetracyclo[9.3.1.0^{2,10}.0^{4,8}]pentadeca-2(10),3,5,8-tetraene;
- 7-neopentyl-5,7,13-triazatetracyclo[9.3.1.0^{2,10}.0^{4,8}]pentadeca-2(10),3,5,8-tetraene;

6-methyl-7-neopentyl-5,7,13-triazatetracyclo[9.3.1.0^{2,10}.0^{4,8}]pentadeca-2(10),3,5,8-tetraene;

6-methyl-5-oxa-7,13-diazatetracyclo[9.3.1.0^{2,10}.0^{4,8}]pentadeca-2(10),3,6,8-tetraene;
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
